

Raleigh, North Carolina; Richardson, Texas; Atlanta, Georgia; Sunrise, Florida; and Santa Clara, California.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Donald Schuenke and everyone at Nortel for the leadership role they are providing in Internet2 and Next Generation Internet.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD J. ERNST

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Mr. DAVIS at Virginia. Mr. Speaker, my colleague Mr. WOLF, and I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Richard J. Ernst on the occasion of his retirement as president of Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA). For thirty years, he has made outstanding contributions to Virginia's educational system and to the community.

Dick Ernst joined NOVA in 1968, when it was a three-year-old campus of five thousand students housed in a warehouse. Through his tireless efforts and dedication, NOVA has grown and developed into the second-largest multi-campus community college in the world. The NOVA system now includes five campuses serving more than sixty thousand credit students and three hundred thousand participants in non-credit programs. The development of a sixth campus, the Medical Education campus, is in the preconstruction planning stage. This incredible growth is due to Dick's endless vision and boundless energy that has been the hallmark of his leadership.

Dick Ernst can take pride in the fact that it was his leadership that developed NOVA to one of the best community colleges in the nation. Today it offers training, classes and opportunities to thousands of Northern Virginians from various racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds that, without Dick's efforts, they would not have.

Throughout his educational career, Dick has been involved in numerous community organizations. In 1979-80, Dick served as Interim Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System in addition to his duties as president of NOVA. His many activities include membership in the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, the Northern Virginia Roundtable, the Advisory Council of the Northern Virginia Minority Business and Professional Association, the Washington Dulles Task Force Advisory Council, and the Fairfax Committee of 100, and serving on the Board of Directors of the Fairfax Unit of the American Cancer Society, the American Automobile Association Potomac Advisory Board, and the Northern Virginia Community Foundation.

The many honors and awards Dick Ernst has received include CEO of the Year by the Association of Community College Trustees, Blue Chip Community College Leader by the University of Texas National Survey, and Man of the Year by the National Council on Community Services and Continuing Education.

He received his baccalaureate degree in mathematics and science and his master's degree in administration from the University of

Florida, and his doctoral degree from Florida State University. Dick and his wife Betty, a retired Fairfax County Public Schools educator, have seen their three children graduate from local area high schools and Virginia colleges and universities.

Mr. Speaker, we know our colleagues join us in saluting Dr. Richard J. Ernst, whose educational and civic contributions to the community have helped improve the quality of life for all Northern Virginians.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE HONORING
LINDSAY MCHOLME, LEGRAND
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence he has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Lindsay McHolme, winner of the 1998 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Lindsay is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Lindsay McHolme is an exceptional student at Quincy High School and possesses an impressive high school record. She has been involved with the National Honor Society. Lindsay is also involved with the high school newspaper, student council, and the varsity club. She is a member of the varsity softball, basketball, and volleyball teams. Outside of school, Lindsay has been involved with basketball coaching and tutoring.

In special tribute, therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Lindsay McHolme for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO ROLLING MEADOWS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1997
HONOREES

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize several special business leaders in my district who will be honored today by the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce.

Tom Rivera, President of Greater Woodfield Convention and Visitors' Bureau, will be honored as the 1997 Business Leader of the Year. Under Tom's guidance, the Bureau has grown to serve 13 northwest suburban com-

munities, and produces more than \$25 million in tourism business for the Greater Woodfield area. In addition, Tom is an active member of the boards of Northwest 2001 and the Northwest Cultural Council. He also serves as the Co-Chair of the Illinois International Convention Center Authority and "The Friends of the Northwest Suburbs." For the past four years, he has been the President of "Visit Illinois," the state's public and private sector tourism association which engaged in marketing, lobbying and educational efforts on behalf of Illinois' tourism industry. In 1995, I was pleased to appoint him to serve on the White House Conference on Travel and Tourism. Tom is certainly an expert in his field and contributes a great deal to the Rolling Meadows community.

Mr. John Conyers, Superintendent of Community Consolidated School District 15 will be honored as the 1997 Community Leader of the Year. John is a dedicated educator, having been a classroom teacher and principal in inner-city and suburban schools. He is a member of the Advisory Committee to the State Superintendent of Schools, and also serves on the board of the Palatine Township Senior Citizen Council as well as the Roosevelt University-Robin Campus Community Advising Board. In addition, he serves on the Board of Representatives of the Northwest Suburban Education to Careers Partnership. John also has had articles published in several well-respected educational trade journals, and has served as a member of the State of Illinois Governor's Commission on Japanese Economy and Educational Interchange. Through John's participation, School District 15 has received a due amount of recognition of its excellence.

Incredible Technologies, Inc. will be honored as the Small Business of the Year for 1997. The company is the coin-operated game manufacturer of the popular Golden Tee 3D Golf game. The success of its games has earned the company a reputation for being able to develop innovative games that consumers enjoy playing. The company, and its owners Elaine and Richard Ditton, have been in the Rolling Meadows business community since 1993.

The City of Rolling Meadows has been selected to receive the 1997 Business Beautification Award. In the past four years, the City Council has transformed a virtually unidentifiable downtown area into a place that area residents are proud of. A key improvement was a new community events sign, located in the downtown area, which has an electronic message board to relay messages related to city events and activities.

Also receiving the 1997 Business Beautification Award is the Harris Bank Arlington-Meadows, a long-time member of the Rolling Meadows community. The new building constructed in 1997 has given great appeal to the local downtown area. This state-of-the-art banking center adds convenience to residents' lives as well.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate these leaders of Rolling Meadows for their hard work and dedication. Rolling Meadows and the Eighth Congressional District of Illinois is a better place to live because of them.